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The Neverending Story was both a novel and a movie. Bastian goes to the bookstore and steals the book, The Neverending Story. Atreyu has to save the childlike empress. Fantasia is saved by Bastian giving her the new name. The movie and the book were both very similar and very different.

One part of the story that was similar is Bastian goes to the book store and steals the book. He was running from bullies and hid in the bookstore. Bastian loves books so he stole The Neverending Story. Then he goes to the school attic to read the book. This is just one of the similarities of The Neverending Story.

One difference is in the forest in the beginning of the story. In the book the wisp-o-wisp was the one meeting up with the other messengers. In the movie the rock chewer was the last one to meet up with the rest. There was also a weird nasty guy that has a pet bat thingy that he flies on. This is one of the many surprising, yet inaccurate differences.

Another difference was a scene in the book that was not included in the movie. There was also a color changing lion called Grograman in the book. He was able to run at really high speeds! He also keeps the desert wherever he goes. Grograman dies at night and is reborn in the morning; his death is need for the forest to grow, they rely on each other. I think they did not have enough time to include all the details of the Grograman for the movie.

There are manly similarities and differences in the movie and book. If Bastian never went to the book store he would never have the amazing adventure he has had. The beginning when the messengers first met up is important to the story because if it never showed that they needed to tell the troubles happening in Fantastica you would not know the problem that’s happening. If Bastian never found the desert and Grograman he would never know what he had to do. The book was better because it has a lot more detail and does not leave out many parts that mattered in the story.